

# FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## A Sword?

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW || APRIL 16, 2023

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This service of worship is gathering in-person in the sanctuary, in-person using Google Meet, and streaming on YouTube.

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# GATHER

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said that whoever welcomes one of his followers,  
welcomes Jesus himself.

**(Turn toward the camera, in the  
sanctuary or at home, and say “Welcome to  
our worship.”)**

Whoever welcomes Jesus, also welcomes God.

**(Turn to someone near you and  
welcome them. If you’re online, type in  
the chat and welcome other online  
worshippers.)**

Whoever offers even a cup of cold water to one of God’s  
children will be blessed by God.

**All are welcome here! Let us worship God.**

## SONG

## “ALL ARE WELCOME”

No. 58, UpperRoom Worshipbook (2006)

### 1.

Let us build a house  
Where love can dwell  
And all can safely live A place where  
Saints and children tell  
How hearts learn to forgive  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions  
Rock of faith and vault of grace  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions  
All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place

### 2.

Let us build a house  
where prophets speak  
And words are strong and true  
Where all God's children dare to seek  
To dream God's reign anew  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
And as symbol of God's grace  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus  
All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place

### 3.

Let us build a house where love is found  
In water, wine and wheat  
A banquet hall on holy ground  
Where peace and justice meet  
Here the love of God, through Jesus  
Is revealed in time and space  
As we share in Christ the feast t  
hat frees us  
All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place

### 4.

Let us build a house  
where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone.  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they’ve known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear  
the image of God’s face.  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger;  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

**5.**

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard.  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace.  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter;  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**COLLECT**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**REFLECT**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**MATTHEW 10:1-15, 34-42**

**SONG**

**“TAKE UP THY CROSS”**

No. 415, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

**1.**

"Take up thy cross," the Savior said,  
"if thou wouldst my disciple be;  
deny thyself, the world forsake,  
and humbly follow after me."

**2.**

Take up thy cross, let not its weight  
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;  
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,  
and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

**3.**

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,  
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;  
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,  
to save thy soul from death and hell.

**4.**

Take up thy cross and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

## REFLECTION

### SONG

#### 1.

Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my love be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

#### 3.

Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?

#### 5.

Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.

In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

## “THE SUMMONS”

No. 2130, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

#### 2.

Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but all your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

#### 4.

Will you love the “you” you hide  
if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around, through  
my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

## OFFERING

## DOXOLOGY

## PRAYER

# SONG      “LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION”

No. 584, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

Lord, you give the great commission:  
“Heal the sick and preach the word.”  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity.  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

2.

Lord, you call us to your service:  
“In my name baptize and teach.”  
That the world may trust your promise,  
life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervor, draw us  
closer in community.  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

3.

Lord, you make the common holy:  
“This my body, this my blood.”  
Let us all, for earth’s true glory,  
daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that the world around us  
share your children’s liberty.  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

4.

Lord, you show us love’s true measure:  
“Father, what they do, forgive.”  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us  
to a just society.  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

5.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
“I am with you to the end.”  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity.  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

## SENDING

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## POSTLUDE

# WELCOME TO FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

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Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you find, in our community, a place to experience meaningful relationship with God, grow in Christ, and reach out in love to others. We hope that this community has been a place where you feel welcome, acceptance, and love. If you have questions about the church, or are interested in becoming a member of the church, please feel free to contact any of the leaders listed below.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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## APRIL FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: PASTA

*We will be collecting 1 lb packages of pasta for the Food Pantry.* Donations can be placed on the table in the sanctuary.

## BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet (virtually) on **Tuesday May 9 at 7pm.** We will be reading *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb . Joining information can be found on the church calendar.

## LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at **noon on April 19 at the Chateau, 466 King Street, Franklin.** Please contact Nancy Boates (NancyBoates49@hotmail.com, 508-654-2833) by 10 am the day before if you plan to attend.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The next date for Sunday School will be **Sunday, May 7th during worship.** Children ages 4-12 (preschool—6th grade) will be dismissed during worship and will be returning to the sanctuary for communion. There is no need to RSVP or register.

The curriculum we are using is [Mini Revolutions from Illustrated Ministry](#). In addition to the (current) once-per-month class during worship at the church, we will be providing supplementary materials for persons who would like to use the curriculum for family devotions. Print materials will be made available each week at the church. We can also email you materials in a monthly packet, if you're interested in using them in your home.

If you are interested in volunteering as a teacher please see Inger Anderson or email at [inger1210@aol.com](mailto:inger1210@aol.com).